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a predetermined interval. Within each of the rotation reels is provided an internal light which can light the symbol marks on the peripheral surface of the rotation reel from the rear side of the symbol marks to ensure that a game player can observe the symbol marks respectively through observation windows formed in the front panel. On the observation windows of the front panel is drawn five prize winning lines which make it possible for the game player to enjoy a game with thrilling and exciting feelings so that any predetermined set of the symbol marks will be stopped and displayed in line on any of the five prize winning lines or not.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, to read as follows:

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The prize winning states include a big prize winning, a medium prize winning, and a small prize winning. The big prize winning and the medium prize winning are won with three symbol marks of "7" or other predetermined symbol marks which are stopped from rotating in line by the game player on the prize winning lines of the observation windows. The big prize winning allows the game player to play a big bonus game (BB game), while the medium prize winning allowing the game player to play a regular bonus game (RB game). These big and medium prize winnings mean that the game player can have respective rights to play a special bonus game by which the game player can obtain a large number of coins. On the contrary, the small prize winning can entitle the game player to get a few coins when the rotation reels are stopped by him or her with a predetermined number of symbol marks such as "plums" and "bells" being stopped from rotating in line on any of the prize winning lines of the observation windows.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 32, to read as follows:

B3 The above mentioned lottery operation using random numbers can determine the big prize winning which in turn raises a prize winning flag, and a notification flag with a predetermined probability. The notification flag thus raised serves to light an indication device such as a notification light provided in front of the front panel of the slot machine, thereby notifying the game player of winning the big prize winning through the lottery operation of the slot machine. The prize winning flag thus raised will remain in the subsequent game if the set of symbol marks corresponding to the big prize winning fail to be stopped and displayed on any of the prize winning lines in the current game. As a result, the notification light continues to turn on until the set of the symbol marks corresponding to the big prize winning are stopped and displayed on any of the prize winning lines.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 34 to read as follows:

B6 When the current notifying state in the current game is identical to the subsequent notifying states in the subsequent games, the notifying means may preferably continue to notify the game player of the identical notifying state without interruption.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13 to read as follows:

B7 The objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent as the description proceeds when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17 to read as follows:

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Figs. 16(e) to 16(h) are tables respectively showing the relationships between the game start sounds and the rotation reel lamp operation groups 5 to 8 available upon selecting the second information notifying state in the processing unit forming part of the slot machine according to the present invention,

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 22 to read as follows:

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At the lower portion of the front panel 2 are provided sound penetrating holes 19 and a medal receptacle 20. The sound penetrating holes 19 are adapted to allow the sound emitted from a speaker housed within the slot machine 1 to be emitted out of the slot machine 1. The medal receptacle 20 serves to reserve game medals paid out from a medal paying-out opening 21 disposed at the upper side of the medal receptacle 20. On the front upper portion of the slot machine 1 is provided a dividend rate indication portion 22 for indicating the number of game medals to be paid out for each of prize winnings.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 30 to read as follows:

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To the right side of the rotation reels 3 to 5 on the front panel 2 is provided a prize winning indication lamp 24 functions to inform the game player of the current game condition such as big prize winning game condition and middle prize winning game condition, which will be described later, when the prize winning indication lamp 24 is turn on. The prize winning indication lamp 24 is turned on at a predetermined provability by a lottery after the bonus game

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B9 condition is determined.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 4 to read as follows:

B10 The photo sensor 59 detects the light blocking plate 60 passing through the photo sensor 59 and thus generates a reset pulse as each of the rotation reels 4, 5 and 5 makes a full rotation. The thus generated reset pulse is transmitted to the CPU 31 through the rotation reel position sensing circuit 44. The RAM 33 contains discrete values specifying position ranges of the rotation reels 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The CPU 31 is operated to clear the respective value contained in the RAM 33 to zero upon receiving a reset pulse from any of the rotation reels 3, 4, and 5, thereby enabling any error caused between the value stored in the RAM 33 specifying a position range of each of symbol marks being rotated and the actual position of each of the stepping motors 55 to be eliminated for a full rotation.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 2 to read as follows:

B11 In Fig. 14 there is shown a table showing the relationships between the game start sounds and the rotation reel lamp operation group numbers. The group numbers of 1 to 26 are assigned to the current game sound and six kinds of the prize winning flag. An entertainment pattern of the game start sound and rotation reel lamp operation is determined according to the variation value and the group number.
